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Requirements for [REDACTED]

1. The source is requested to report on negotiations and actual transactions between any Sino-Soviet Bloc country and any Western country involving trade in nickel, cobalt, tungsten, molybdenum, chrome, and vanadium, whether in the form of concentrates, ferroalloys, or metals. Information on nickel, cobalt, tungsten, and molybdenum is of primary importance and for any of the commodities the reports should indicate quantities, price, quality, and shipping arrangements.

2. Source is requested to report any information he may acquire indicating the relative scarcity or abundance of supplies of these alloying materials in the Bloc countries.

25X1X1 3. Source is requested to report any information he may acquire, [REDACTED], concerning the progress in construction of the Sred Nickel Plant in Czechoslovakia. The plant is intended to process iron-nickel ores from Albania. He is also requested to report any information indicating that the St. Egidien Plant in East Germany will process the Albanian iron-nickel ores rather than ore from local deposits and the reasons for this apparent change in plans.

4. Hungary reportedly has a financial interest in the development of the Albanian iron-nickel deposits. Source is requested to report any information he may obtain that would confirm or refute this report and that would indicate the extent of Hungary's financial interest. Does Hungary plan to build a plant for extracting nickel from the Albanian ores? If so, where?

5. Information is requested concerning Bloc efforts to purchase metallurgical equipment in Western countries, particularly rolling mills.